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# JOINT CONVENTION (U.F.A. and A.F.U. Delegates)

*Held in The Palliser Hotel, Calgary, Jan. 11 - 15, 1949*

Registration took place at the U.F.A. Office, Monday evening, January 10th, 1949, and at the convention hall commencing at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday January 11, 1949.

The convention opened at 10:30 a.m. January 11th, with the singing of "O Canada."

Invocation—Rev. H. E. D. Ashford, M.B.E.

Address of welcome given by Dr. Arkenhead on behalf of Mayor J. C. Watson.

Mr. Harry Keith, 2nd Vice-President of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, in the chair for the opening of the convention, introduced the above two people.

Mr. Keith spoke briefly, pointing out the need for a farm organization, and traced the development of farm organizations in Alberta during the past 40 years. Mr. Keith introduced Mr. Geo. Church, President of the U.F.A. and Mr. Carl Stimpfle, President of the A.F.U., who addressed the convention.

Mr. Church and Mr. Stimpfle both brought greetings from their respective organizations, and asked for the co-operation and tolerance of all delegates at this joint convention.

## ELECTION OF CONVENTION CHAIRMEN.

Motion—That we elect two Chairmen and give them power to select helpers during the convention. Moved and seconded. **CARRIED.**

Motion—That Mr. Church and Mr. Stimpfle be the two main Chairmen of the convention.

Mr. Wood and Mr. Young were nominated.

Motion that nominations for chairmen cease.

**CARRIED.**

Motion that these four names stand and that Mr. Church and Mr. Stimpfle be Chief Chairmen and that the others be assistants and that they be given power to add.

**CARRIED.**

## ELECTION OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES.

Mr. Milsap of the Order of Business Committee read the names suggested by the Contact Committee for the various committees, as follows:

**CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE**—M. H. Ward, W. J. Williams, H. Restall, L. E. Pharis, and C. D. Fuhr (alternative).

Motion to accept these on the Credential Committee. **CARRIED.**

**RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE**—R. Hennig, G. L. Pritchard, A. E. Wood (alternative), H. Young, W. E. Wilson and A. Burbridge (alternative).

Motion to accept this committee. **CARRIED.**

Motion that all other committees be elected from the floor was **LOST.**

The committees suggested included equal numbers from each Board, as recommended by the two Boards.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE**—D. McLeod, H. E. Spencer and Ray Wood (alternative), A. R. Hadland, A. Milsap and F. E. Maricle (alternative). Motion to accept this committee. **CARRIED.**

**ELECTION COMMITTEE**—A. B. McGerman, V. C. Flint, J. A. Cameron, J. L. Macintosh, Earl Wright, R. Koenig, G. Tindall (alternative).

Motion to accept this committee **CARRIED.**

**USHERING COMMITTEE**—C. T. Armstrong, O. Hart, S. Pearce, Mrs. M. Pharis, George Roth (alternative), G. Kropinska.

Motion to accept this committee. **CARRIED.**

**ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE**—H. J. Flock, C. Glen, P. Farnalla, Miss M. Coupland, Ken Long, George Roth and George Tindall.

Motion to accept **CARRIED.**

Motion—Whereas this is a large convention and there will be limited time to discuss many important problems that rights of the floor be given to delegates and officials only. (Milsap—Spencer). **CARRIED.**

Order of Business Committee brought in the above, and also the following motion:

**RESOLVED** that no resolution of a nature which in any way censures or reflects upon either the U.F.A. or A.F.U. will be considered at this convention. (Mr. Milsap explained that this does not apply to discussion of the proposed Constitution.) (Spencer—Hadland) **CARRIED.**

**ANNOUNCEMENT**—Dance tonight at 8:30; tickets available at door, 50c each.

Mr. McLeod of the Order of Business Committee recommended that the convention now adjourn to 1:30 p.m. this afternoon in order that delegates may be comfortably seated for the discussion of the Constitution this afternoon.

Foulson and delegate moved adjournment until 1:30 p.m. **CARRIED.**

The convention resumed at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 11th, 1949, with Mr. Henry Young in the chair.

Mr. Stimpfle presented the draft Constitution, as recommended by the Contact Committee for a framework to work from in drawing up a Constitution.

Motion—That we now proceed to discuss the draft Constitution. **CARRIED.**

Moved by Reid of Ponoka—"That in all clauses of the Constitution that three-quarter majority be required to pass; and that three-quarters of the clauses should be carried in order that the Constitution may be considered valid."

Amendment—to strike out last clause. **CARRIED.**

Amendment—That the majority required for carrying any clause of the Constitution be "two-thirds" instead of "three-quarters". **LOST.**

Amendment—That it be "60%" to carry.  
(Burbridge—Hippe) LOST.

Vote taken on original motion "Be it resolved that any clauses of the Constitution have three-quarters majority to pass." LOST.

Discussion began on draft Constitution.

#### SECTION 1—TITLE.

There were five suggestions for a name for the new organization on the printed sheet containing "resolutions pertaining to Constitution", and these were accepted by the Chairman, who also asked for any others which may be considered. The suggestions received were:

- (a) Farmers' Union of Alberta—moved by Maricle.
- (b) Union of Alberta Farmers.
- (c) Farmers' Union of Canada (Alberta Section).
- (d) Alberta Agricultural Producers' Union.
- (e) Organized Farmers of Alberta.
- (f) Alberta Farmers' Federation—moved by Poulson.
- (g) United Farmers of Canada (Alberta Section).
- (h) Amalgamated Farmers of Alberta.
- (i) Canadian Farmers of Alberta.
- (j) Amalgamated Alberta Agriculturists (Kelley).

Motion—"That no name be tolerated unless it includes the word 'Union'."

(Not accepted by Chairman)

Motion—"That the Chairman set up a committee to which any names desired may be suggested and that committee draw up a list of these names and put them on a ballot for tomorrow morning." CARRIED.

(As shown in these Minutes, the ballot was taken and Section 1 was finally shown to read:)

#### SECTION 1—TITLE.

This Association shall be called the "Farmers' Union of Alberta" and shall consist of membership as hereinafter provided.

#### SECTION 2—OBJECTS.

(a) Moved and seconded.

Amendment by Maricle—"That (a) be Parity Prices" and present clause (a) be further down. LOST.

Amendment by Bower of Red Deer—"To strike out 'and farmers' co-operative organizations'."

Amendment to Amendment—"To strike out 'Farmers' Co-operative Association' and insert 'educate our farmers in co-operative enterprise.'" (Ruled not in order as Amendment to Amendment by Chairman.)

Vote on Amendment to strike out last four words LOST.

Hepburn suggested co-operatives be left in. Hew suggested separate clause covering protecting co-operatives. Vote taken on Section 2 (a) CARRIED.

Therefore clause as agreed upon reads:

Section 2 Objects—The purpose of this Association shall be: (a) To advance on all possible occasions, the interests of farmers and farmers' co-operative organizations;

Section 2 (b)—Moved by Fleck of Lethbridge and seconded by delegate. CARRIED.

(b) To co-ordinate the efforts of the various branches of agriculture for the purpose of promoting their common interest through collective action;

Section 2 (c)—Moved by Coutts—Hawley CARRIED.

(c) To promote and secure necessary and just legislation.

Section 2 (d)—Moved by Baker and delegate. Amendment by Carlson to substitute "income" for last word "production". CARRIED.

Clause (d) as amended to read as follows:

(d) To achieve a relationship of price which will ensure to agriculture its fair share of national income.

Section 2 (e)—Moved by Sears—Hittman to read: CARRIED.

(e) To contribute to a high standard of living for all citizens by promoting the highest production over a long-term period, commensurate with sound agricultural practices.

Section 2 (f)—Moved by Hittman, seconded by delegate.

Amendment by Poulson—To insert "democratic" before "citizenship". Seconded and CARRIED.

Therefore clause (f) reads:

(f) To promote social intercourse, a high standard of community life, and the study of economic and social questions relating to agriculture and democratic citizenship.

McMillan and Hittinger moved to add one clause (g) "To promote fullest possible use of Credit Unions." CARRIED.

Therefore last clause of Section 2 is (g) which reads:

(g) To promote the fullest possible use of Credit Unions.

#### SECTION 3—POLICY

First paragraph, moved and seconded by delegates, and to read: CARRIED.

Section 3 Policy—This Association shall be non-partisan in politics but may exert pressure upon all political parties to secure its objectives.

Second paragraph moved by Colvin, seconded by Hittman.

Amendment by Poulson, to add "or by plebiscite of members by ballot". Seconded by Carlson. LOST.

Vote taken on second paragraph as moved originally, and therefore to read: CARRIED.

"The policy of the Association shall be determined by action of the convention or special convention from time to time.

Motion by Boutilier and Hadland to add an additional (third) paragraph to read "That a non-delivery policy of all or any farm products be initiated when all other means of achieving economic justice have failed, same to be on a two-thirds majority vote by secret ballot".

McBride of Halkirk opposed the non-delivery clause. Mr. Church asked that this clause not be put into the Constitution.

Motion by Burt—"That policy of direct action be decided by convention or by plebiscite vote of members with two-thirds majority to be decided by the convention." This was not seconded.

Substitute motion by Pelletier and Poulson—"That this Association shall endeavour to achieve its objectives by any lawful means." LOST.

Mr. Sharon moved that the policy outlined in the other proposed Constitution be read to the delegates.

Mr. Maricle explained the second draft Constitution, drafted by himself, Mr. Scott and Mr. Kozub, which he says was sent out to five A.F.U. districts.

Mr. W. E. Wilson stated that when we have a Constitution set up, we will probably apply for incorporation under the Society's Act and this Constitution broadens the scope of this Act when accepted by them. "We want the law clearly defined with respect to our own body," Mr. Wilson said.

Motion—"That speeches be limited to five minutes on this discussion of the Constitution." (McLeod and delegate). CARRIED.

Misap—Spencer moved "That this Association implement a policy of direct action when all other means have failed to accomplish the desire of the Association, only to be implemented after a plebiscite of the membership has been taken and carried by a 2/3 majority of those voting."

Messrs. Beutillier and Hadland offered to withdraw their original motion re non-delivery policy and let this Misap—Spencer motion replace it.

Motion by A. B. Ward and McDermott—"That in place of a secret ballot, that we must have a 75% majority on the floor of the convention, either annual or special convention." LOST.

Mr. Wood in the chair.

Motion by Sherrings—"That this direct action clause not come into effect until at least 50% of all farmers in the Province of Alberta belong to this organization." No second.

Motion for question moved and seconded and CARRIED.

Question: "That this Association implement a policy of direct action when all other means have failed to accomplish the desire of the Association, only to be implemented after a plebiscite of the membership has been taken and carried by a 2/3 majority of those voting." CARRIED.

Motion to adjourn until 9:30 tomorrow morning. CARRIED.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12th, 1949

The convention resumed at 9:45 a.m., Wednesday, January 12th, 1949, with Mr. Wood in the chair.

All those entering the Convention Hall had been handed a copy of a second draft Constitution this morning marked "A.F.U. and U.F.A. Farmers' Proposed Constitution—as amended".

Mr. Stimpfle said, with regard to the second draft Constitution distributed to the delegates entering the hall this morning, that he wished to point out that this second Constitution was not authorized by either the Contact Committee or the A.F.U. Board. In answer to a further question, Mr. Stimpfle explained that it had been the custom in the A.F.U. Central Office, for the office staff to mimeograph and mail out for Directors requesting it, information to Locals in the respective Directors' districts, providing such information did not conflict with the organization's policy.

Mr. Maricle stated that this Constitution was drafted and sent out by District 4 of the A.F.U. to Locals in that district.

Mr. Wood, in the chair, ruled that there be no further discussion of this second draft Constitution except by the consent of the convention.

Discussion continued on the draft Constitution under consideration yesterday, and Section 4 Membership 1 (a) covering Individual Membership was read.

Moved by Mrs. Pharis and Belanger.

Amendment by Isaac and Delegate to add "subject to the retired ranchers and farmers receiving at least 60% of their income from the farm". LOST.

Vote on original clause Section 4 - 1 (a), which reads as follows: CARRIED.

### SECTION 4—MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be divided into two classifications:

1 (a) Individual Membership through Association Locals shall consist of bona fide farmers or ranchers and retired farmers and ranchers.

Section 4-1 (b)—Moved by Hadland and delegate. The Chairman was asked to read the resolutions regarding amalgamation, as passed by the U.F.A. and A.F.U. at their annual conventions a year ago, and this was done. Vote taken on Section 4-1 (b) which reads as follows: CARRIED.

(b) Further provided that any or all of the members of the U.F.A. and A.F.U. whose membership was in good standing during the year previous to amalgamation shall be eligible to join the new organization.

Mr. Spencer of the Order of Business Committee read two resolutions dealing with election of Directors as follows:

1. RESOLVED that each of the two amalgamating organizations appoint eight members to act as Directors on the Provisional Board until the mid-summer district conventions.

2. RESOLVED that the district delegates from each district within the newly-formed organization shall meet separately to elect a District Director to serve on the Provisional Board until the next district convention is held in his district.

It was stated the election of Directors would take place on Thursday, and these resolutions offer two methods by which the Directors may be elected.

Continuing with the draft Constitution:

### SECTION 4—2 (a) MEMBERSHIP AT LARGE.

Moved by Mrs. Pharis and delegate this clause to read: CARRIED.

2. (a) Membership at Large—Any person having the previously mentioned qualifications and upon payment of the required membership fees to Central Office may become a member at large; provided, however, that no such member shall have or exercise voting rights in the Association unless and until becoming a member of a Local.

(b) Moved by Hennig and delegate—which reads: CARRIED.

(b) The Board shall at all times have the right to reject any application for membership at large without giving reasons therefor.

3. Moved by Mrs. Lowe and delegate—which reads: CARRIED.

3. (a) Women shall have the same rights of membership in the Association as men.

(b) All Officers and Directors of the Central Board shall have full delegate's standing at all conventions of the Association. (Passed later on in convention.)

4. WOMEN'S SECTION—(a) TITLE—This section shall be known as . . .

(The name agreed upon unanimously, by the lady delegates who met in special session Friday afternoon,

January 14, 1949, was "Farm Women's Union of Alberta." Therefore Section 4—Membership, 4. Women's Section (a) shall read:

4. Women's Section—(a) TITLE: This section shall be known as the Farm Women's Union of Alberta.

(b) Moved by Mrs. Lowe and delegate—which reads: CARRIED.

(b) Locals: Any six resident farm women may form a Local, and such Local when formed shall be . . . Local of the Farm Women's Union of Alberta, and shall be governed by the Constitution and By-laws of the Association.

(c) Convention: vote taken on first paragraph of clause (c) moved by delegate, seconded by Mrs. Lowe—reading as follows: CARRIED.

(c) Convention: At the convention the delegates from the Women's Section and the women delegates to the Men's Section convention may meet in the general meeting or separately as they see fit. In separate meetings they may discuss any question or matter not inconsistent with the objects of the Association set forth in Section 2 hereof, but they shall not petition parliament or the legislature on any matter independently of the Board of Directors of the Association.

The next two paragraphs, or balance of (c) were now dealt with. CARRIED.

Moved and seconded by delegates, and reading as follows:

The Women's Section in convention shall have the power to elect an Executive as hereinafter defined. This Executive and Directors, as elected at district conventions, shall constitute the Board.

The Board of Directors shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents and one Director from each district as set forth in Section 6 hereof.

(d) Board of Women's Section—Moved by Mrs. Lowe and Miss Coupland—to read as follows: CARRIED.

(d) Board of Women's Section: The Board shall have special charge under the Executive of such branches of the Association's work as relate especially to social welfare problems.

(e) Executive of Women's Section—Moved by Mrs. Douglas, seconded by Mrs. Lowe—to read: CARRIED.

(e) Executive of Women's Section: The Executive shall consist of a President and two Vice-Presidents.

(Motion further down in these minutes to add (f) to Women's Section, as follows:)

(f) Officers and Directors of the Women's Section shall have full delegate standing at the annual convention of the Farmers' Union of Alberta.

5. Junior Section—(a) and (b) 1, 2, 3, all dealt with together — Moved by Hennig, seconded by delegate — which reads as follows: CARRIED.

6. JUNIOR SECTION—(a) TITLE: This section shall be known as the Junior Branch of the Association.

(b) Objects:

1. To train for citizenship.

2. To train for leadership.

3. To follow more definitely the four-fold plan of development: Educational, Vocational, Economic and Social.

4. To give the young people . . . (Moved and seconded by delegates)—to read as follows: CARRIED.

4. To give the young people of the community an opportunity to know each other better, to enrich the social life of the community and to make life happier and better so that the young people may serve their homes, their communities and their nation more effectively and assist in promoting international goodwill.

(c) The Junior Branch — Moved by Mrs. Lowe, seconded by delegate—as follows: CARRIED.

(c) The Junior Branch shall be directly under the supervision of a committee on junior work. The committee shall be composed of two members appointed by the Board of Directors of the Association and one member by the Women's Section.

(d) and (e) voted on together—Any six juniors—Moved by delegate seconded by Mrs. Taylor. CARRIED.

Amendment by Hart to change to "50c to members under 21 years, and up to 27 years, the regular fee," deleting "and ten cents for members under sixteen" and "of age shall be the fee set out in Section 4 hereof."

Discussion of age followed, and a motion: Age to be up to 27 years. CARRIED.

Amendment moved by Hart, seconded by delegate—to read as follows: CARRIED.

(d) Any six juniors with the assistance of an adult member of the organization may form a Junior Local, which shall be governed by these By-laws.

(e) The membership fee payable to Central Office for members of Junior Locals shall be fifty cents for all members over sixteen and under 21 years, and for members over 21 years and up to 27, the regular fee.

(f) The Junior Branch shall elect—Moved by Mrs. Taylor, seconded by delegate—1st paragraph. CARRIED.

2nd paragraph, moved by delegate, seconded by Mrs. Lowe—to read as follows: CARRIED.

(f) The Junior Branch shall elect a President and two Vice-Presidents, who shall constitute the Executive.

Junior delegates shall have power at Farm Young People's Week or district conventions to elect Directors as provided for in Section 6 of this Constitution.

(g) Each Junior Local shall be entitled — Moved, seconded and CARRIED.

(h) Junior Officers and Directors shall have—Moved, seconded and CARRIED.

(i) When a Junior Local is formed. . . . The duties of such supervisor or supervising committee shall be:

1. To attend all meetings. . . .
  2. To advise at but not to conduct. . . .
  3. To unobtrusively and tactfully lead. . . .
- Moved, seconded and CARRIED.

Therefore next clauses as agreed to, read as follows:

(g) Each Junior Local shall be entitled to send one delegate to the annual convention of the Association. The delegate shall have the rights and privileges as provided in Section 6 hereof.

(h) Junior Officers and Directors shall have full delegate standing at the annual convention of the Farmers' Union of Alberta.

(i) When a Junior Local is formed an adult person or committee in sympathy with the movement shall be appointed by the Local to supervise the said Local.

The duties of such supervisor or supervising committee shall be:



1. To attend all meetings of the juniors.  
 2. To advise at but not to conduct the said meetings.  
 3. To unobtrusively and tactfully lead the juniors so as to develop in them, initiative, knowledge of Farmers' Union of Alberta principles and of world affairs, understanding of parliamentary procedure, the art of public speaking, refinement of character and a desire to serve the community, and to urge upon them the adoption of the four-fold program.

6. Individual Membership Fee—Moved and seconded—reading as follows: CARRIED.

6. Individual Membership Fee—All membership is contingent upon the payment of a membership fee as stipulated from time to time by the organization.

7. Membership Year—The membership year shall end—Moved and seconded—reading as follows: CARRIED.

7. Membership Year—The membership year shall end October 31st, with a period of two months of grace.

Mr. Young brought in the list of names as suggested for the new organization to be put on the ballot, which were as follows:

- A.A.A.—Amalgamated Alberta Agriculturists.
- A.A.P.U.—Alberta Agricultural Producers' Union.
- A.F.F.—Alberta Farmers' Federation.
- A.F.A.—Amalgamated Farmers of Alberta.
- A.F.U.—Alberta Farmers' Union.
- A.U.F.—Alberta United Farmers.
- F.U.A.—Farmers' Union of Alberta.
- F.U.C.—Farmers' Union of Canada, (Alberta Section)
- N.F.U.—National Farmers' Union, (Alberta Section)
- O.F.A.—Organized Farmers of Alberta.
- U.A.F.—Union of Alberta Farmers.
- U.F.A.—United Farmers in Alberta.
- U.F.A.—United Farmers of Alberta.
- U.F.C.—United Farmers of Canada, (Alta. Section)
- U.P.A.—Union of Farmers of Alberta.
- U.F.U.A.—United Farmers' Union of Alberta.

Boutillier and Baron moved that "Alberta Farmers' Union" and "United Farmers of Alberta" be omitted from the ballot.

Minap and delegate moved an amendment that any names with the initials "U.F.A." or "A.F.U." be omitted. CARRIED.

\* Motion as amended—to strike out United Farmers of Alberta and Alberta Farmers' Union, and all other names which have the same initials as U.F.A. and A.F.U. be struck out. CARRIED.

Mr. Church urged the striking out of names referring to a National organization because of our affiliation with the C.F.A.

Moved by Muir, seconded by delegate, "That we eliminate those of a National nature—Farmers' Union of Canada (Alberta Section), United Farmers of Canada (Alberta Section), and National Farmers' Union (Alberta Section), and also that we eliminate Amalgamated Farmers of Alberta (A.F.A.) because the initials are the same as the Alberta Federation of Agriculture." CARRIED.

Motion that all other names be accepted for the ballot, seconded and CARRIED.

(Copy of the ballot attached hereto to original minutes).

Motion to adjourn until 1:30 p.m.

Amendment—To adjourn until 2 p.m.—CARRIED.

Resumed at 2 p.m., with Mr. Young in the chair.

Suggestion that we now continue with the Constitution.

Motion by Isaac and Baker—"That the question of membership fee be settled now." CARRIED.

Baker and Matenka moved that the amount of fee be \$2.00 for men and \$1.00 for ladies.

Mrs. Pharis moved an amendment, "That 50c per member be added for district Association fees," seconded by Isaac.

Amendment by Sherring—"That \$2.00 cover Provincial and district fee, the Local to look after itself." No second.

Substitute motion by McGorman—"That fees be \$5.00, this to include man and wife, single women paying \$2.00, single men \$5.00, these fees to cover district fees as well." Seconded by delegate. LOST.

Motion to table, by Hippe, was LOST.

Motion by Mrs. Pharis to amend by adding 50c for the district. CARRIED.

Moved by Mrs. Sutherland that the fee be \$2.50 each for men and women—50c each to be earmarked for the district Association. Seconded.

Motion by some ladies, that the women's fee be brought up to the level of men's. CARRIED.

Motion as amended: (Membership Fees)

"Membership fee shall be \$2.50 each, for men and women, with 50c of each fee to be sent to the district."

Mr. Church moved, seconded by Hennig, that the Alberta Federation fee of 20c per member be paid out of this \$2.50 per member. CARRIED.

Resolution as amended, above. CARRIED.

Mr. J. L. McMillan gave a brief report re Veterans' Section, stating that 60 or 70 veterans had met at noon today, and decided to ask the privilege of having a Veterans' Section within this organization, and they are meeting again tonight at Room 922 if this Section is to be set up, and if it is decided to set up such a Section they will set up By-laws. The purpose of this Section, Mr. McMillan explained is to have a Veterans' Section where veterans of World Wars 1 and 2 may take their problems.

Moved by Poulson and seconded by another delegate, that this convention approve Mr. McMillan's plan to set up a Veterans' Section. CARRIED.

Mr. Young, as chairman, asked for the wish of the delegates re ballot for deciding the name of the organization.

Motion by delegate, to take vote at 10:30 Thursday morning.

Amendment by delegate, that this be taken at 10 o'clock Thursday morning, without further debate.

Amendment by Poulson and Hippe, that vote be taken at 10 o'clock, but with one person permitted to speak briefly on each name.

Original motion to take vote at 10:30 was withdrawn.

Vote now taken on amended resolution—"To take vote at 10 a.m. Thursday morning, with one person allowed to speak on each name suggested." CARRIED.

Continuing with the draft Constitution—  
 Mrs. Gunn moved an additional sub-section to Section 4—Membership, 4. Women's Section, (f) "That Officers

of the Women's Section shall have full delegates' standing at the annual convention."

CARRIED.

This has been inserted in minutes previously under (f) of this section.

Continuing with draft Constitution—

#### SECTION 5—LOCALS

(a) moved by delegate and Hittman.

Amendment by Poulsen and delegate to change the word "considered" in last line to "officially recognized"

CARRIED.

Clause as amended—to read as follows:

CARRIED.

#### SECTION 5—LOCALS

(a) Not less than six qualifying resident farmers may of their own accord or under supervision of a Director, District Director or Organizer, proceed to organize themselves as a Local, subscribing to this Constitution, and making due report thereof to Head Office, and upon acceptance by the Head Office shall be officially recognized as a Local.

(b) Moved by Sears and delegate

Amendment by Poulsen and Mrs. Pharis to change the word "considered" to "officially recognized"—therefore this clause reads:

CARRIED.

(Clause as amended, also CARRIED.)

(b) It is further provided that any Local presently constituted under the U.F.A. or A.F.U. or an amalgamation thereof will be accepted and officially recognized as a Local.

Mr. Wood in the chair.

(c) Moved by delegate, and seconded—reading as follows:

CARRIED.

(c) Any person qualified to be a member of the organization may become a member of a Local by a majority vote of the members present at a meeting thereof and upon paying membership to Central Office and Local's dues, if any, as determined from time to time.

Motion to adjourn at 5:20 and meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow morning.

CARRIED.

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 13th, 1949

Resumed at 9 a.m., with Mr. Wood in the chair.

Motion to reconsider Clause 6 of Section 4—Individual Membership.

Motion to strike out all beginning with "Provided however that a member . . ." or everything after "as stipulated from time to time by the organization," seconded, and

CARRIED.

Moved and seconded that those who are leaving early be given an opportunity to vote on amalgamation.

CARRIED.

Continuing Constitution—

#### SECTION 5—LOCALS

(d) No person shall . . . Moved and seconded.

CARRIED.

(e) The Local shall . . . Moved and seconded.

CARRIED.

(f) Each Local shall hold an annual meeting. . . Moved and seconded.

CARRIED.

These last 3 sub-clauses are therefore to read as follows:

(d) No person shall be a member of more than one Local at one and the same time.

(e) The Local shall make payment promptly to Central Office of membership dues collected.

(f) Each Local shall hold an annual meeting not later than January 31st in each year. This meeting shall elect a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, or a Secretary-Treasurer, and five or more Directors, depending on the interests of the district.

(g) Insert clause listed below "Notwithstanding anything stated in foregoing."

#### SECTION 6—DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS

(a) For the purpose of electing Directors. . . Moved by Mrs. Pharis and delegate.

Amendment by Sutherland and delegate—"roughly along Federal Constituency lines, taking into consideration such small constituencies as located around our cities."

LOST.

Clause (a) as originally drafted—reading as follows:

CARRIED.

Section 6—District Organizations. (a) For the purpose of electing Directors to the Central Board and for carrying on the work of the organization, the province shall be divided into districts, plus one district for the Peace River Block in the Province of British Columbia, the boundaries of which shall be determined by the Board from time to time.

(b) Each district shall be divided. . . Moved by Hemsick and delegate—to read as follows:

CARRIED.

(b) Each district shall be divided into five or more sub-districts by the delegates at the first annual meeting of the district.

(At this time the various persons sponsoring suggested names for the new organization were permitted to speak in support of the name sponsored, and the ballots were distributed for taking the vote to decide the name of the organization.)

Mr. Stimpfle and Mr. Church announced that among the visitors at this convention is a very distinguished visitor, Dr. Ojala of New Zealand and asked the delegates if they wished to have him speak briefly to bring greetings from his country.

Moved by Herb Boutilier, seconded by delegate that we hear Dr. Ojala.

CARRIED.

Dr. Ojala spoke briefly, stressing the importance of conservation of soil, and increasing production to feed the hungry of the world, and he brought greetings from the people of his home land, New Zealand.

The Credential Committee—reported 634 delegates present, and 38 officials.

Mr. Macklin and Mr. Scott, moved an amendment to Section 5, to be, (g) the following: "Notwithstanding anything stated in the foregoing sub-section, any Local not able to hold its annual meeting by January 31st because of impossible roads, be allowed to hold it according to its own choosing."

CARRIED.

(Above clause to be sub-section (g) of Section 5 in Constitution.)

Continuing with Section 6—next is clause (c) moved by delegate and Hadland.

Amendment—moved that district Director shall not be the Chairman of that Board.

Maricle moved the following substitute "District Board shall consist of a district Director, President and Vice-President and 5 or more sub-district Directors." This substitute was accepted by the mover of the original resolution but not by the seceder.

Sears and Baker—move a substitute motion "That district Boards shall consist of a district Director, a Chairman of the Board, a Vice-Chairman and sub-Directors."

Sherring and delegate moved to have this clause redrafted (To be redrafted) CARRIED

The redraft later voted on and carried reads as follows

(c) District Boards shall consist of district Directors for men, Women's and Junior Sections, sub-district Directors, and a Chairman and Vice-Chairman, all of whom shall be elected by the district convention except the sub-Directors.

Motion by Boutillier and delegate—"That we instruct our committee to include provision for the Women's Section, and Juniors to be represented on that Board" CARRIED

(d) District conventions must be held. Moved by delegate and Hepburn.

Amendment by Pharis, that the words "if at all possible" be inserted after 31st of July CARRIED

Clause as amended—which reads as follows CARRIED.

(d) District conventions must be held prior to July 31st if at all possible, and the Directors elected shall take office immediately (except in the case of the first provisional Board)

(e) Sub-Directors may be elected. . . Delegate and Romeike—reading as follows. CARRIED

(e) Sub-Directors may be elected at Local rallies or by sub-district delegates at the annual district convention.

(f) Duties of Directors and sub-Directors

Moved and seconded to read as follows CARRIED

(f) Duties of Directors and sub-Directors To promote the interests of the organization in their respective districts, to assist Locals in keeping up their membership, and to help them carry on a progressive and constructive program

(Later in the convention another clause was added, called (g) to read as follows)

(g) District and constituency officials, other than Directors of both organizations holding office at the time amalgamation is effected, shall continue to serve jointly as district officials until the district elections take place.

## SECTION 7—ANNUAL CONVENTION

(a) Moved by Mrs. Pharis and Hittman.

CARRIED.

(b) Moved and seconded

Amendment by Macklin, striking out "alternatively in the Cities of Calgary and Edmonton or"—seconded, and LOST

Original clause (b)

CARRIED

These two clauses therefore to read.

Section 7—Annual Convention: (a) At least once a year a convention of the delegates elected as herein after provided and of the officers of the Association shall be held. The convention shall be deemed to be

the annual or general meeting of the Association for all of the purposes of such a meeting.

(b) The convention may be held at a suitable time between November 1st and December 10th alternatively in the cities of Calgary and Edmonton or at such other place and time as the Board may consider advisable.

Wood in the Chair

(c) Representation at the annual convention.

(1) Local representation shall be on the basis.

Moved and seconded

Amendment—"to include one delegate from each district Board," by delegate, seconded by Sears.

Sub-amendment—"Each district Association shall be entitled to a delegate." LOST.

Vote on amendment

CARRIED.

Clause (1) as amended adding "Each district Board also shall send one delegate." CARRIED.

Clause (c) now to read as follows:

(c) Representation at the annual convention.

(1) Local representation shall be on the basis of one delegate for twenty members or major portion thereof, provided always that every Local in good standing shall be entitled to at least one delegate, such delegate must belong to the Local which he represents. Each district Board also shall be entitled to one delegate

## SECTION 8—ELECTIONS AT CONVENTIONS

(a) The President and Vice-President. Moved and seconded.

Amendment by Garneau, to add "and all other members of the Executive" after "Vice-President" Seconded.

Sub-amendment by Goshke, to add "who will be responsible to the Board" to above amendment. Seconded. LOST.

Amendment, as moved by Garneau. CARRIED.

Clause (a) as amended—to read as follows CARRIED

Section 8—Elections at Convention. (a) The President and Vice-President, and all other members of the Executive, shall be elected by delegates at the annual convention.

Mrs. Gillespie moved adjournment until 1:30, seconded by Romeike. CARRIED.

Resumed at 1:30, with Mr Young in the chair.

Order of Business Committee, Mr. Hadland, announced the special A.F.U. convention to be held on Saturday, January 15th.

Redraft of Clause (c) Section 8, brought in

"District Boards shall consist of district Directors for men, women's and junior sections, sub-district Directors, and a Chairman and Vice-Chairman, all of whom shall be elected by the district convention with the exception of the sub-Directors."

Moved, seconded and

CARRIED.

The Chairman announced the result of the ballot on name of organization, which is

"Farmers' Union of Alberta."

Now returning to Section 8—Election at convention. Lucas moved a substitute (a) "President and Vice-President and three Executive members, one of whom shall be a lady, to be elected by the delegates in convention, the Executive to be responsible to the Board of Directors"

Messrs. Wood and Mileap moved that Section 8 be postponed until Section 10 is disposed of. CARRIED.

Order of Business Committee, Hadland, announced two resolutions regarding election of Directors on the Provisional Board, and read them as follows:

#### 1. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS ON PROVISIONAL BOARD.

RESOLVED that each of the two amalgamating organizations appoint eight (8) members to act as Directors on the Provisional Board until the mid-summer district conventions. This Board to appoint its own Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

#### 2. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS ON PROVISIONAL BOARD.

RESOLVED that the district delegates from each district within the newly formed organization shall meet separately to elect a district Director to serve on the Provisional Board until the next district convention is held in his district.

Moved and seconded that Plan 2 be adopted.

The UFA resolution regarding this matter, as was recommended to the Contact Committee was now read to the delegates, as follows:

"That for the first year, each Association elect eight (8) members, consisting of six (6) men, one (1) woman and one (1) junior, to be the Provisional Board for one (1) year, or until the Directors are elected." This Board to appoint its own Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Hennig-Hawley move that Plan No. 1 be substituted for Plan 2.

Amendment, to add "That the three members of the Executive, President, 1st Vice-President and 2nd Vice-President be elected from the floor of the convention." Boutillier and Mileap.

Motion by delegate that the UFA elect eight (8) Directors in any way they like and the A.F.U. elect eight (8) in any way they see fit. Not seconded.

Baker and Lucas move the question be taken.

CARRIED.

Sub-amendment, or amendment to substitute motion, of Boutillier and Mileap.

CARRIED.

Resolution as amended, which means Plan No. 1 with addition of this amendment—therefore to read:

CARRIED.

#### ELECTION OF DIRECTORS ON PROVISIONAL BOARD

RESOLVED that each of the two amalgamating organizations appoint eight (8) members to act as Directors on the Provisional Board until the mid-summer conventions, with the three members of the Executive, President, 1st Vice-President, and 2nd Vice-President, elected from the floor of convention.

CARRIED.

Motion by Lucas and Hadland that nominations for President be taken tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock.

CARRIED.

Report of Credential Committee, given by Mr. Ward—\$34 registered delegates, pool rate set at \$14.00, and he moved the surplus be turned in to defray expenses of this convention.

Baker moved and delegate seconded a motion that recommendation of Credential Committee be adopted.

CARRIED.

Constitution taken from table—

#### SECTION 10—EXECUTIVE

Moved and seconded

Amendment to strike out last six words "appointed by and from the Board" and insert "to be elected by the annual convention." Moved, seconded and CARRIED.

Garnes moved a second amendment after "The Executive shall consist of" to insert "President, Vice-President, and four Executive committee men, elected, one of which must be a woman, nominated by the women." All to be elected by the convention, seconded.

LOST.

MacKinn moved amendment "that each district shall be entitled to nominate a candidate to the Executive of the Central Board, and that no nominee shall be accepted unless he has first received endorsement from his own district delegates." (Not accepted by chair.)

Garnes' amendment,

LOST

Vote taken on Section 10, as amended—to read

CARRIED.

The Executive shall consist of the President, Vice-President, President of the Women's Section and three Executive committee men, to be elected by annual convention.

Report of Veterans' Section given by Earl Wright.

"This Section was founded with the A.F.U. according to the mandate of the last convention of the A.F.U. We had a meeting here of some 50 veteran members who set up a committee of Chairman J. L. McMullan, Executive Secretary Earl Wright, and Director Mr. McBride. They provided that any resolutions pertaining to Veterans' Affairs are to be handled by the Veterans' Section.

"The resolutions endorsed at the last convention were taken up and some were presented to the Provincial Government, or dealt with by direct correspondence with Ottawa and other sources. The main resolution of the last convention was re Crown lands. I might say negotiations have been carried on right up to date, until it was turned down by Mr. Tanner the other day.

"The old question was taken up also by the Veterans' Section, who have conducted extensive enquiries into the conditions as of veterans are concerned."

Mr. Wright also read the draft Constitution of the Veterans' Section, as follows:

#### RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE VETERANS' MEETING HELD IN 922 FALLISER HOTEL, on Wednesday, January 12th, 1949

TITLE—(a) This Section shall be known as the Veterans' Branch.

(b) OBJECTS To deal with the problems and interests of Veterans of World Wars 1 and 2, and action to be subject to approval of the Central Board of Directors of the F.U.A.

(c) Membership Qualifications—Any veteran who has served in His Majesty's service in World Wars 1 or 2 and is a paid up member of the parent organization shall be considered a member of the Veterans' Branch.

(d) Officers—The officers shall include the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Executive Secretary, and alternate Board member which shall be elected at the annual convention.

(e) Annual Meeting—At each annual convention of the parent organization, a meeting of the Veterans will be called as soon as possible to consider all resolutions appearing on the agenda regarding Veterans' Af-

fair, and to make recommendation thereon from resolutions that may be considered desirable, and

FURTHER, that the calling of such meeting be by the senior officer present at the convention.

Moved by Wright, seconded by delegate, that this convention approve this Constitution as a whole.

CARRIED

Moved by Baker and Lucas that the Constitution of the Veterans' Section be embodied in the main Constitution.

CARRIED

Section 8 of the Constitution taken from table, and

CARRIED

(a) as amended

## SECTION 9—BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Amendment to add "and three Executive men,"

CARRIED

Amendment to add "(a) Term of office shall be for one year or until the successors are appointed."

CARRIED

Therefore Sections 9 and 10 now to read

Section 9 -Board of Directors—The Board of Directors shall consist of a President, Vice-President and three Executive committee men, the Executive of the Women's Section, the President of the Junior Section, and one Director from each district.

(a) Term of office shall be for one year or until the successors are appointed.

## SECTION 10—EXECUTIVE

The Executive shall consist of the President, Vice-President, President of the Women's Section, and three Executive committee men, to be elected by annual convention.

Any Executive officer shall cease to hold office immediately he becomes a candidate for, an organizer of, or officer of, any political party

## SECTION 11—RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS

(a) It shall be the duty of the elected Board . . . Moved, seconded and

CARRIED.

(b) It shall be the duty of the Directors. Moved, seconded and

CARRIED.

(c) It shall be the duty of the Board . . . Moved, seconded and

CARRIED.

Motion to add another clause (d) as follows.

(d) It shall be the duties of the Directors to support the policies of the Association as laid down by the annual convention.

CARRIED.

Therefore Section 11 to read:

Section 11—Responsibilities of Directors. (a) It shall be the duty of the elected Board of Directors to meet from time to time as the affairs of the Association shall require. At these meetings the Directors shall conduct the affairs of the Association or shall delegate such work to the Executive committee.

(b) It shall be the duty of the Directors to work at all times in the interest of the Association and the members which form the Association.

(c) It shall be the duty of the Board to strive for the achievement of the objectives of the Association.

(d) It shall be the duties of the Directors to support the policies of the Association as laid down by the annual convention.

## Section 12—Amending the Constitution. Moved and seconded.

Amendment by Isaac to strike out "provided that proper notice of motion of any such amendment shall be given to Locals six (6) weeks prior to the convention."

Motion: to defer further consideration of this clause until further information can be gotten. Seconded, and

CARRIED.

Motion by Maricle to add as "d" or fourth paragraph to Section 3, "Co-operation with Labor and other groups having similar aims and objectives."

Motion to adjourn until 8 o'clock.

LOST

Milap moved that this resolution be sent back to the committee and brought in, in the form of a directive and not to be included as a Constitutional amendment.

Maricle and Pouison moved to adjourn until 8 p.m.

CARRIED

Resumed at 8 p.m. Thursday, January 13th, 1949.

Maricle and Kozub move to appeal ruling of Chairman in accepting Milap's motion, stating that if passed, the motion of Milap's will mean the resolution cannot be embodied in the Constitution.

Vote taken and decision of Chair upheld.

Motion to close debate on Milap's motion to send back to committee.

CARRIED

Resolution moved by Milap, to send this resolution back to the committee and have it brought in, in the form of a directive and not a Constitutional amendment.

CARRIED.

Moved and seconded, that any future speeches be limited to three minutes, and delegates be only allowed to speak once on any resolution.

CARRIED.

Motion to bring in as (g) in Section 6 of the Constitution, the following

RESOLVED that the district and constituency officials other than Directors of both organizations, holding office at the time amalgamation is affected, continue to serve jointly as district officials until the district elections take place.

CARRIED

Motion to bring into the Constitution as Section 4-8 (b) "All officers and Directors of the Central Board shall have full delegate's standing at all conventions of the Association"

CARRIED.

Motion to add to Section 10—"That any Executive officer shall cease to hold office immediately he becomes a candidate for, an organizer of, or officer of any political party."

Amendment by Pelletier — that this include also all Directors and district officers.

LOST

Vote on original motion—to read:

CARRIED.

(To be added to Section 10—Executive)

Any Executive officer shall cease to hold office immediately he becomes a candidate for, an organizer of, or officer of, any political party

Motion by Mrs. Pharis, and seconded, that same paragraph as added to Section 4-8 (b) shown above, be added to each Section, men's, women's and Juniors.

CARRIED.

## SECTION 12—AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION

Motion striking out "Provided that proper notice of motion of any such amendment shall be given by Locals six weeks prior to the convention."

Amendment—Boutillier and delegate to substitute "two weeks" instead of "six weeks."

LOST.

Vote on amendment to strike out, as above

LOST

Vote on clause 12 (Section 12) as originally drafted reading as follows

CARRIED.

#### SECTION 12—AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present and voting at any annual convention, provided that proper notice of motion of any such amendment shall be given by Locals six weeks prior to the convention. Constitutional amendments shall have precedence over all other resolutions after the time of notice has expired.

Amendment to Section 10 to add "President of the Junior Section" after the words "Women's Section," moved and seconded.

LOST

Resolutions pertaining to Constitution now taken up. (Shown on printed sheet attached hereto to original copy of minutes)

Resolution No. 2 Term of Office in Amalgamated Body

WHEREAS if the same officer serve. Moved by Spencer and delegate

Amendment by Rose "That this apply to the President only, instead of any Central official"

CARRIED

Amendment—"That the term be 'five years' instead of 'three'" Moved by Rose, seconded by delegate.

CARRIED.

Resolution No. 2 as amended

WHEREAS if the same officers serve in the same capacity for year after year, it does not give an opportunity for others to work;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the term of office for the President be limited to five consecutive years.

CARRIED, as amended

Resolution No. 5—Life Membership

BE IT RESOLVED that we favor a system of life membership for our proposed new organization. Moved by Spencer, seconded by delegate.

LOST.

Motion by Lucas and Sears—That at 10 tomorrow morning we vote on amalgamation. (Not voted upon)

Order of Business Committee—Stated there are two or three resolutions that have a definite bearing on amalgamation and should be disposed of before the vote is taken.

Amendment to include "at or before" 10 a'clock. No second.

Motion to accept Order of Business Committee's recommendation.

CARRIED

Garmen moved adjournment.

LOST

Mr Church—"In view of the fact that a vote on the completion of amalgamation means the decision to dissolve the two organizations, which can only be done by the delegates of each organization voting on the matter, the delegates of each organization should meet separately, before the vote to ratify amalgamation is taken, to decide on entering the new organization under the Constitution as drafted."

Wilson and Hennig moved the adoption of the Constitution as agreed upon so far.

CARRIED.

#### Resolution

RESOLVED that we re-affirm our stand taken at the last U.F.A. convention that one of the conditions of amalgamation shall be "continued membership and undivided support to the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, and the Canadian Federation of Agriculture."

Moved by McLeod and Pharis.

CARRIED

Boutillier moved that the resolution covering Co-operation with Labor be taken up.

#### CO-OPERATION WITH LABOR

Redraft of former resolution—

RESOLVED that the Board be instructed to co-operate with Labor whenever it is in the mutual interest of both bodies, subject to approval of the annual convention.

Moved by Boutillier and delegate.

CARRIED.

The Chairman suggested the U.F.A. delegates meeting at 9 tomorrow morning, and the joint convention reconvening at 10.

Tindall moved that we now adjourn, at 11 p.m. and that the U.F.A. delegates meet at 9 tomorrow morning, and the joint convention meet at 10 a.m.

CARRIED

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14th, 1949

Resumed at 10 a.m. Mr Young in the Chair

Delegate moves that the clause re strike action be rescinded at this time in order to consolidate our front.

The Order of Business Committee recommended that resolutions No. 6 and No. 7 on the printed sheet (resolutions pertaining to the Constitution) dealing with the office of the organization, be taken up first.

Resolution No. 6—Head Office of New Body

WHEREAS a joint convention is to be held in the near future to consider the final details of amalgamation, and to put the same into effect,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we go on record as requesting that a clause be inserted in the new Constitution which must necessarily be drawn up, that the City of Edmonton be chosen as the Headquarters of the new organization in order that our officials may be in close contact with our Provincial Government with whom they must frequently work in the interest of all farmers.

Moved by Romenko and Lucas.

CARRIED.

Resolution No. 7—Office in Calgary for Amalgamated Body

WHEREAS we in the South appreciate the necessity and the advisability of having the main office of the body in Edmonton due to the fact that our officials should be in close contact with the Government, and

WHEREAS we feel that in the best interests of the organization, the members in the south should have an office in Calgary.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a sub-office be situated in Calgary, also at a future date, another sub-office could be opened in Lethbridge.

Moved by Isaac and delegate.

CARRIED.

The Order of Business Committee announced that the following resolutions, shown in the Resolutions Program are considered by them to be the most important and they suggested taking them up first. No. 15, 17, 18, 55 and 56.

A resolution passed this morning at the special session of U.F.A. delegates was now read to the joint convention, as follows.

RESOLVED THAT THIS BODY OF THE U.F.A. having been instructed to attend this convention of the U.F.A. and A.F.U., and participate in the setting up of the Constitution and By-laws of the new organization to be known as the Farmers' Union of Alberta, authorized by a convention held in December, 1948, do hereby ratify the action of this joint convention in that respect, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the officers of the Association are hereby authorized and instructed to wind up the affairs of the U.F.A. and turn over the assets of that organization to the Farmers' Union of Alberta as agreed upon in a resolution of December, 1948, convention.

(Passed by a large majority of U.F.A. delegates)

Vote now taken on motion to rescind resolution previously passed covering inclusion of a strike action clause in the Constitution. Motion to rescind. LOST

Announcement—All women delegates and interested women visitors will meet at 2 o'clock in the Labor Temple this afternoon.

#### AMALGAMATION

Moved by Spencer and Milsup.

RESOLVED that this convention do now proceed to organize under this new Constitution which has been adopted, and to bring into effect the amalgamation of the United Farmers of Alberta and the Alberta Farmers' Union under the name of the Farmers' Union of Alberta.

CARRIED unanimously.

Moved by McIntosh and Stimpfle.

RESOLVED that the Alberta Farmers' Union membership of this assembly go on record, congratulating the membership of the U.F.A. for their good sportsman ship, their tolerance, and co-operation in this convention, despite the fact that they were numerically in the minority, and despite the unauthorized literature distributed in this assembly.

CARRIED.

#### RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

The Order of Business Committee—Spencer, seconded by delegate, moved the following

BE IT RESOLVED that a Standing Resolution Committee of four be elected annually from the floor of the convention, such committee to be authorized to prepare and consolidate resolutions presented to the convention.

CARRIED.

#### Resolution 95—Collection of Membership Dues

WHEREAS collection of membership fees is a difficult task,

BE IT RESOLVED that consideration be given to a possible arrangement for deduction of membership fees from dividends accruing to the member by one of the various Co-ops, as designated by member in a signed form, giving his consent to such deduction to be continuous until cancelled by either party

Moved by Spencer and Hadland.

Amendment moved by Stimpfle.

That in addition to co-operatives to add "And further, that some requisition covering payment from Municipal Districts and Local Improvement Districts be given by individuals not belonging to a co-operative."

Amendment to amendment by Herb Boutillier—That we instruct our Board to initiate or investigate the possibilities of some form of compulsory membership similar to that established by the English Farmers' Union.

The Chairman suggested withholding this until the amendment is disposed of.

Vote taken on resolution "Collection of Membership Dues," with Stimpfle amendment. CARRIED.

As amended.

Discussion of election of President and Vice-President followed

Baker moved "That in order to obtain representation from both of the parent organizations, A.F.U. and U.F.A., that the highest in each organization be declared President and Vice-President for the first term of office. Seconded by Sears.

Amendment or substitute moved by Macklin. "That the President be elected first, and the highest number of votes received by a candidate in the other organization be first Vice-President.

CARRIED.

(Baker and Sears withdrew original motion in favor of substitute.)

Order of Business Committee recommended a full time President, with adequate salary. Moved by Hadland, seconded by Hawley.

CARRIED.

Motion that the 1st Vice-President be also paid an adequate salary, was LOST, in view of the fact that it was generally agreed by the delegates that Vice-President would be paid a per diem allowance for the number of days he puts in.

#### NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT

(Ballot with four names attached to original copy of minutes)

C. J. Stimpfle, nominated by Isaac

George Church (withdrew)

A. B. Wood (withdrew)

L. E. Pharis (withdrew)

Jim Bentley

Henry Young (withdrew)

Arnold Milsup, nominated by Happe (withdrew)

F. E. Marcell, nominated by Mulek (withdrew)

C. F. Pels, nominated by G. W. Retez

R. Hennig

R. N. Russell, nominated by Baron (withdrew)

R. Garneau, nominated by Carlson (withdrew)

A. R. Hadland (withdrew)

G. Pelletier (withdrew)

Donald McLeod, nominated by Caldwell

(withdrew)

Charlie King (withdrew)

H. Boutillier (withdrew)

J. M. Wheatley (withdrew)

J. L. McIntosh, Dimdale, (withdrew)

Those withdrawing spoke briefly

Mr. Church: "I wish to withdraw my name for a good many reasons. I happen to be President of the Co-op and have other duties besides trying to run my farm. I would have been very glad to have had the honor of having the privilege of being the first President of this organization, but I realize it is a big job, and I have too many responsibilities. I will help in any way I can, and I also want to say, I am one of those gentlemen who were under discussion yesterday as I have been on the U.F.A. Board for 20 years."

Mr. Pelletier Thanks his nominator, and states he feels there are more able men, and states he wishes to withdraw.

Mr. A. B. Wood. "I appreciate the honor, but beg leave to withdraw my name."

Mr. L. E. Pharis Thanked his nominator but wishes to withdraw

Mr. J. M. Wheatley: "I wish to thank my friends who have allowed my name to go before this convention. As most of you know, I have been associated with the farm movement for over 30 years, and I have other responsibilities in this Province, and perhaps I would be taking on too much. It has always been my ambition to co-operate with these two gentlemen (refers to Presidents of the A.F.U. and U.F.A.) and in declining my nomination at this time, I would like to assure the President of my whole-hearted support, and I ask you that we have no bickering, but that we be reasonable, then we can pull together, and have a farm organization that will speak for the farmers of this Province."

Mr. A. R. Hadland Thanks his nominator, but withdraws because of private business which makes it impossible to let his name stand.

Mr. Charlie King: "I will have to rise to withdraw from this nomination. I appreciate the honor very much, but wish to withdraw."

A Milneup Thanks his nominator, and stated he felt it an honor to be nominated, but is forced to withdraw his name.

J. L. McIntosh: Stated pressure of his own affairs does not permit him to stand.

Donald McLeod Stated he wished to have his name withdrawn, and thanks his nominator.

Herb Bouthier Thanks his nominator but states he wishes to withdraw. He expressed the wish that all members would get behind the President elected, and make the new organization the most effective one in Canada.

R. Garneau "I have, for personal reasons, always refused nomination for President, and I realize the great responsibility that will be placed on the President of this new organization, because I believe this new organization is going to develop into the best organization we have ever had in Canada or any other country." Mr. Garneau stated he is withdrawing, but is prepared to help in anyway he can, whether in a local or an official position, for the welfare of the group he represents.

R. N. Russell Thanks his nominator, and states he wishes to withdraw.

Henry Young Stated he will have to withdraw—that he has several reasons, one of which is that he cannot accept a full time position.

F. E. Marice "I wish to thank my nominator, Mr. Mulak, and you know the consistent stand I have taken for the farmers I have come here to represent. I am in favor of amalgamation and will support amalgamation, but with things as they are right now, I wish to withdraw."

Motion that nominations now cease. CARRIED.

This left C. J. Stimpfle, Jim Bentley, C. F. Pais and R. Hennig nominated, and shown on the ballot attached to the original copy of these minutes.

Motion to adjourn until 2 p.m. CARRIED.

Resumed at 2 p.m., with Mr. Wood in the Chair.

Resolutions now taken up, beginning with those recommended to be taken first, by the Order of Business Committee.

Resolution No. 15—Representation on A.F.A. (Full text of all resolutions as passed on list of resolutions attached) Moved by Romeike, seconded by delegate. CARRIED.

Resolution No. 17—Strike Action. Romeike and delegate from Coar. TABBLED.

Motion to strike out "Western."

Motion to strike out balance of paragraph beginning with "with the view of staging a non-delivery strike if our demands are to be continually ignored" and insert "the most effective means of protest which means the least loss to agriculture."

Motion to table moved by Wright and delegate, carried, therefore resolution TABBLED.

Resolution 18—Strike Plan. No mover.

Resolution 55—National Farmers' Union. Chairman Wood refused to accept this resolution as he states it refers to the A.F.U. now out of existence.

Resolution No. 35 Secession—(to be deleted)

Hayley moved, seconded by delegate, that this resolution be deleted from the records of this organization. CARRIED.

Therefore resolution No. 35—deleted.

Motion: From Order of Business Committee.

"That we now start from Resolution No. 1 and continue through the book." CARRIED.

Resolution No. 1 Income Tax. Moved by Burbridge and delegate.

Amendment by Spencer and delegate to strike out the word "poultry" in clause 1. CARRIED.

Resolution as amended. CARRIED.

Motion. To send copies of the Constitution to all Locals. CARRIED.

Resolution No. 2—Coarse Grain Through Board. Moved by Macklin and Sutherland.

Amendment by Russell, to insert instead of "next session", "in its first session in 1949", seconded, and CARRIED.

Resolution No. 2 CARRIED as amended.

Resolution No. 3 Coarse Grains. Moved by Plets, seconded by delegate.

Amendment by Foulson to add "That the Wheat Board shall not sell our wheat to distillers and brewers below market price." CARRIED.

Resolution No. 3 CARRIED as amended.

Resolution No. 4—Increase in Price of Wheat. Moved by delegate, seconded by Burbridge.

Amendment by delegates to insert words "not less than" \$2.00 instead of "to" \$2.00. Amendment carried.

Resolution No. 4 CARRIED as amended.

It was pointed out that Miss O'Neill, A.L.C. Publicity Director, would like the privilege of the floor to speak to the delegates a few minutes regarding recordings of the convention she has been taking.

Moved by McIntosh that Miss O'Neill be permitted to explain these recordings. CARRIED.

Discussion followed on election of Vice-President and Executive.

Motion by McLeod "That one ballot be cast for Vice-President, and the highest A.F.U. or U.F.A. candidate, opposite to the President, as the case may be, will be first Vice-President, and the second highest of either organization shall be second Vice-President." CARRIED.

Ballots were collected, from the vote on President.



Motion by delegate, and seconded by Baron, that the Election Committee proceed with the counting of the ballots.

(Ballots had been sent over to the Women's meeting in the Labor Temple, and distributed, and the four (4) candidates for President went over and spoke briefly to the lady delegates.)

The Chairman explained that the highest votes for Vice-President must be the opposite organization from that represented by the President elected. The one receiving the next highest vote from either organization will be second Vice-President. It is therefore possible that the second Vice-President will receive more votes than the first Vice-President, as the first Vice-President must be from a different organization than the President.

Resolution No. 5—Price of Wheat Moved and seconded.

Amendment by Poulson to add "and if it is found necessary to help Britain further by selling our wheat chiefly to them, that is below market price, that this 'below market price' be borne by the Dominion Department of Revenue and not as in the past by the Canadian wheat growers only" CARRIED.

Resolution No. 5 CARRIED as amended.

Resolution No. 6—International Wheat Agreement (Being referred to Board). Moved and seconded.

Amendment moved by Poulson "subject to the overriding provisions of No. 4, that is the \$2.00 wheat we passed." No second.

Mr. Pharis moved the deletion of the last part, beginning with "based upon a formula similar in effect to the U.S. Parity Price formula." As example.—delete also three rows figures, leaving in the last line "the agreement to be renegotiated each five years."

Pelletier moved that we refer this to the Board of Directors, recommending that they work out a price formula based upon our cost of production. CARRIED.

The Order of Business Committee brought in a resolution on grain farmers' representation on the Wheat Board, as follows

#### FARMER REPRESENTATION ON CANADIAN

~~WHEAT BOARD~~

That we demand that the grain farmers have at least 60% representation on the Canadian Wheat Board, and that this representation be maintained financially by the various Provincial farm organizations. Moved and seconded, but LOST.

A message was brought to the convention, that Mr. George Drew, Progressive Conservative Leader, is in the hotel, and Mr. Smith, M.P., asked if it was the wish of the delegates that he be asked to come and speak at this convention.

Motion by Poulson, seconded by delegate that we thank Mr. Smith for his offer to have Mr. Drew speak, but that as this is a non-political organization that we cannot hear him. CARRIED.

#### RESULTS OF BALLOT FOR PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. Cameron of the Election Committee was called upon to give the result of the ballot for President, and he announced that the new President of the Farmers' Union of Alberta is.

Mr. C. J. Stimpfle.

Mr. Stimpfle spoke briefly, thanking the delegates for their support, and stated he is prepared to at all

times carry out the majority request of members as to what they wish done.

Mr. McBride—read from the Calgary Albertan, a letter written by T. L. Poulson which Mr. McBride stated contains facts about this convention that are not true, and which are written by a delegate of this convention. The letter was read to the delegates, headed "Delegate Opposes Federation Support" by T. Poulson of Rochford Bridge, Alberta.

Moved by McBride, seconded by McLeod, that "IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that this convention go on record as absolutely repudiating the inference against the C.F.A. in this article." CARRIED.

Mr. Poulson's motion to table this motion was not seconded.

#### NOMINATIONS FOR VICE-PRESIDENT

Mr. R. Hennig.

Mr. A. Wood, nominated by Flunay, (withdrew)

R. N. Russell.

A. Milnap, (withdrew)

F. E. Maricle.

A. R. Hadland, nominated by Carlsen.

J. Bentley, (withdrew)

R. Garneau.

Donald McLeod, (withdrew)

Mr. Muir, (withdrew)

Henry Young, (withdrew)

L. E. Pharis.

Jim Cameron, (withdrew)

A. B. McGorman.

Wulf Oliver, (withdrew)

Harb Bouthillier, (withdrew)

Motion that nominations cease.

CARRIED.

This left Messrs. R. Hennig, R. N. Russell, F. E. Maricle, A. R. Hadland, R. Garneau, L. E. Pharis and A. B. McGorman to appear on the ballot as all others withdrew (Copy of ballot is attached to original copy of minutes)

Mr. H. Bouthillier asked that Mr. Drew be asked to appear on the platform. It has already been decided that he not be heard due to the amount of work to be covered, and because this organization is non-partisan.

Mr. Milnap moved that the convention re-consider refusing to see Mr. Drew.

Chairman Young ruled it is not permissible to reconsider a vote at the same session of the convention.

It was announced at this time that the A.F.U. delegates would not require the full day tomorrow, and suggested that the joint convention might meet in the afternoon.

Moved by Spencer, that the A.F.U. delegates meet at 10:30 tomorrow morning and after lunch that the joint convention reconvene. CARRIED.

Resolution No. 7—Rural Electrification—Moved by Schaff and delegate.

Amendment by Poulson and Grapentine to strike out last word "issues" and add "or other extraneous issues." LOST.

Resolution No. 7 Rural Electrification.

CARRIED.

At 6 p.m. motion to adjourn until 8 p.m.

CARRIED.

Resumed at 8 p.m. with Mr. Young in the Chair.

Order of Business Committee—Spencer moved that

the ballot for Vice-President be taken at 8:30, seconded, and CARRIED.

Resolution No. 8—Rural Electrification—Moved by Sutherland and Sears.

Amendment Hawley and Lewis.

To strike out "Alberta Federation" and insert in its place "our Board of Directors" to set up a committee.

LOST.

Amendment by Spencer, seconded by delegate, to add after "United States", the words "and Canada", CARRIED.

Resolution No. 8 CARRIED as amended.

#### PROVISIONAL BOARD FOR THIS YEAR

The Chairman announced the Provisional Board for this year will include 16 Directors (8 from each organization) together with the President and two Vice-Presidents and the President from the Women's Section.

Motion That we now hear the candidates for Vice-President. CARRIED.

Messrs. Garneau, Hadland, Hennig, Maricle, McGorman, Pharis and Russell the 7 whose names appear on the ballot, all spoke briefly.

#### WOMEN'S SECTION — OFFICERS ELECTED

It was announced that the following officers were elected in the Women's Section Mrs. M. E. Lowe, President, Mrs. Mary B. Pharis, 1st Vice-President, Mrs. R. B. Gunn, 2nd Vice-President. These three ladies were called to the platform and introduced to the delegates, and each spoke briefly.

Mrs. Lowe expressed regret that Mr. Drew was not called upon to speak to our convention while here this afternoon.

Mr. Church expressed regret, and suggested that if it is still possible to extend an invitation to this gentleman to bring greetings to this convention that we should do so.

Mr. Stimpfle too expressed the wish that the convention hear him.

Mr. Macklin moved that the motion to refuse to hear Mr. Drew be reconsidered. CARRIED.

Motion that the Executive or Board make arrangements to have Mr. Drew appear before this convention some time before we adjourn, and speak for five minutes. CARRIED.

Chairman Young stated that Mr. Shandro who has some information on Rural Electrification, has asked for permission to explain the situation.

Moved by H. Boutilier that we give Mr. Shandro 10 minutes to explain the set-up he is interested in. CARRIED.

Mr. Shandro spoke briefly on the co-operative basis of rural electrification, stating his organization is not interested in power companies. They have contacted the Government re subsidy on rural electrification, and have also asked the Government to set up a financing plan of say, over a period of years, and one could pay \$4.00 or \$6.00 per month. He stated it would be possible to extend electricity to 5,000 farmers this summer and every summer thereafter.

Resolution WHEREAS the Associated Power Consumers of Alberta as a body representing the majority of the present, and will represent the future power users of the Province, and

WHEREAS the Association has already had contact with the Government and will be recognized by it, and

WHEREAS the objects and aims of the Association are to further the interests of the rural power users and to develop a uniform and acceptable plan for electrifying the rural areas throughout the Province;

BE IT RESOLVED that this convention go on record as approving this Association, its objects and aims. Moved by Lewis and Macklin.

Motion To refer this resolution to the Board of Directors for consideration. CARRIED.

#### RESULT OF BALLOT FOR VICE-PRESIDENTS

First Vice-President—Mr. Rudolph Hennig.

Second Vice-President—Mr. R. N. Russell.

A vote of thanks was given to Mr. Lorne Stett of the Calgary Herald who assisted the Election Committee in counting ballots on the Vice-President vote.

Mrs. L. O'Neill, Publicity Director of the A.L.C. was now called to the platform. She brought greetings from the Co-op Show and reported she has been taking detailed recordings of this convention and wished the permission of the convention to have the matter referred to the Board, to have parts of this put over the A.L.C. Show, heard on CICA and CFAC, the F.U.A. to bear the cost of same.

A delegate asked how much this would amount to, to which Miss O'Neill replied, as there were other radio stations, or programs represented there, it was not customary to quote prices, but that it would be under \$500.00.

A delegate moved that this matter be referred to the new Board. CARRIED.

#### NOMINATION OF RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Motion that procedure to elect four by show of hands as was done previously in the A.P.U. be done at this convention. CARRIED.

Those nominated were.

W. E. Wilson.

H. Young.

G. L. Pritchard.

Mrs. W. C. Taylor.

F. E. Maricle.

A. Milnap, (withdrew)

Charles King, (withdrew)

Andy Wood.

G. Pelletier.

D. L. Campbell, (withdrew)

This left seven standing, and votes were counted by a show of hands, the delegates being told they must only vote for four. Mrs. Taylor was declared elected by acclamation and the others elected were H. Young, A. B. Wood, and G. L. Pritchard, in this order according to number of votes received.

The Order of Business Committee recommended that instructions be given to the Board to appoint suitable auditors.

Motion: That this convention give instructions to the Board to appoint auditors. Baker and delegate. CARRIED.

Motion To rescind motion to hold session of joint convention tomorrow afternoon.

Amendment to add "if less than 50% of delegates can attend."

Show of hands indicates majority can attend.

Mr. Milnap, of the Order of Business Committee, asked that the delegates give the Directors some direction as to some publication.

Motion That we instruct the Board to give consideration to some paper or publication. CARRIED.

Discussion re buttons followed.

Macklin and Fuhr moved that this be left to the Board. CARRIED.

#### 9. Compensation to Farmers for Oil Development.

"Whereas, extensive and permanent damage is caused to farm lands by oil development, and

Whereas, compensation for such damage on individual farms is still quite inadequate to cover ALL losses suffered by farmers and their families, and

Whereas, the opening up of this great source of new wealth should not be allowed to cause loss and suffering to any group of people,

Therefore be it resolved, that this convention demand that the Provincial Government lay down a policy covering oil drilling in farm areas as follows

1. More adequate compensation to farmers who have oil wells drilled on their land. Such compensation to cover not only property damage but also general depreciation and loss of social and community values,

2. An alternative plan for farmers in areas where oil is actually discovered, whereby they have the option of surrendering their land to the Oil Companies in exchange for a cash settlement at the highest market value.

And further, that a representative of the organized farmers be added to the Arbitration Board."

Moved Seconded Lewis.

Moved in amendment J. K. Sutherland to paragraph 2 of the implementing clause to add the following: "or a reasonable royalty." Seconded Fuhr.

Moved in amendment to the amendment that the words "and a royalty of 5%" be inserted.

The previous question was moved, seconded by Mrs. Schreier and carried.

Amendment to the amendment lost.

The amendment carried.

Resolution as amended carried.

Mr. Young on point of privilege drew attention to articles in the Calgary Herald which stated Mr. R. J. Boutilier had moved certain resolutions instead of Mr. H. Boutilier.

#### 10. Compulsory Car and Truck Insurance.

"Whereas, the Automobile Accident Indemnity Act now in force in Alberta is unsatisfactory, as it provides no insurance, and merely leaves motorists in the hands of private Insurance Companies, and

Whereas, there is great need for a plan, similar to that in Saskatchewan under which all cars and trucks are insured at a minimum of cost,

Therefore be it resolved, that we urge the Provincial Government to repeal or amend the present Automobile Indemnity Act so as to provide for the following

1. Standard coverage of Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance to be automatically provided at cost through the Provincial Insurance Office and issued with each car and truck license

2. Fire and Theft Insurance and any additional coverage desired to be obtained on an optional basis, through the Provincial Office."

Moved Sears, Sutherland. Carried.

#### 11. Car Insurance.

"Whereas, many car license holders are already fully covered by insurance;

Resolved, that any person producing a paid up policy on applying for license be not required to pay the compulsory insurance fee of \$1.00."

Moved. Seconded Pritchard. Carried.

#### 12. Education.

"Whereas, education of our youth is of national importance, and

Whereas, education at the present time is suffering because of the lack of competent trained teachers, and

Whereas, district taxes and Government grants are not sufficient to pay teachers an attractive salary so that more young people will go into the teaching profession,

Therefore be it resolved, that we urge the Provincial Government to bear at least 50 per cent of the cost of education."

Moved Spencer, Baron.

Moved in amendment Lucas to insert the words before "education" in the last line—"elementary and secondary." Seconded Pritchard.

Amendment carried.

Resolution as amended carried.

The motion to adjourn was carried at 11:25.

SATURDAY—2:00 P.M.

Mr. Wood in the chair.

#### 13. Character As Well As Purely Secular Education.

"Whereas, there is a great body of scientific facts of life applicable to the training of youth, on which the supporters of every religious denomination can agree, and

Whereas, mechanical science has given to man the power of almost unlimited destruction, and

Whereas, we understand, there is no known defence against the atomic bomb or chemical and bacteriological warfare, and

Whereas, the surest hope we have of escaping possible continent wide annihilation, is that the peoples of the world shall have sufficient consideration for the lives of their fellow beings that they will agree not to use them,

Be it therefore resolved, that in our educational system we introduce such character development training as is in line with the facts of human life, and as can be agreed upon by the various brands of religion, and

Further, that we urge other nations to adopt similar procedure."

Moved MacLachlan, Unterschultz. Carried.

#### 10. Increase P.F.A.A. Benefits.

"Whereas, the cost of production has been greatly increased since the inauguration of the P.F.A.A., and

Whereas, the payments for crop loss has not kept pace with the increased cost of farming,

Therefore be it resolved, that we ask the Government to amend the P.F.A.A. so as to increase the payment to \$2.00 per acre for yields of 4 to 8 bushels, and \$4.00 per acre for yields of 8 bushels and less."

Moved Ramsdake, seconded McMillan.

Moved in amendment that payment should be on an individual (quarter section) basis, rather than on township basis. Seconded.

Amendment carried.

Resolution as amended carried.

**20. Investigation Re Oil Industry.**

"Moved that we endorse the resolution passed by the A.F.U. Board of Directors, asking for the Provincial Government to set up a commission to hold public hearings, taking evidence on all phases of the oil industry in Alberta with the view of bringing in recommendations to the government on how best to protect the farmers and the people's interest in the oil resources."

Moved Penn, Hippo. Carried.

**21. McMurray Tar Sands.**

"Whereas, the Provincial Government has financed the development of the McMurray tar sands; and

Whereas, they have recently discovered a cheap method of extracting oil from the tar sands, and

Whereas, this discovery makes this field one of the greatest sources of oil on the North American Continent, if not of the world,

Therefore be it resolved, that we demand that the Provincial Government retain control of the McMurray tar sands, and develop these resources in the interest and for the people of Alberta."

Moved Muluk, seconded and carried.

**22. Grain Deliveries.**

"Whereas, the quotas allowed for grain delivery have been announced far enough in advance of the 1948 harvest period, some farmers have been able to deliver grain early in excess of their allotted quotas, thus filling elevator space to the extent that others were unable to haul and have even had to dump grain on the ground.

Resolved, that in future, grain delivery quotas should be announced in all districts far enough in advance of harvest time to insure fair play for all."

Moved. Seconded. Carried.

**23. Penalty for Shooting Wild Game.**

"Whereas, in game bird hunting seasons there is considerable unlawful shooting by urban and unlicensed hunters, and

Whereas, there is not sufficient enforcement personnel for proper control of this condition;

Therefore be it resolved, that sufficient wardens be appointed in every district, preferably local residents, to give effective force to our existing hunting laws."

Moved. Seconded. Carried.

**24. Road Grants.**

"Whereas, at present grants to municipalities are made only on a conditional basis and are restricted to main roads;

Whereas, this makes it difficult for municipalities to qualify for grants, unless they are prepared to neglect the side roads,

Therefore be it resolved, that in our opinion road grants should be given to municipalities on an unconditional basis, to be spent by the council when and where required."

Moved Lucas. Seconded.

Moved in amendment to add—"except in case of special grant". Seconded.

Amendment carried.

Resolution as amended carried.

**25. Road Money.**

"Whereas, in Alberta about \$4.50 is spent upon main highways for every dollar which is provided by the Government for local roads, and

Whereas, the situation with regard to country bridges is extremely serious and little is being done to remedy it;

Therefore be it resolved, that we urge the Provincial Government to spend more money on country roads and bridges even if it means cutting down the expenditure on Tourist Highways."

Moved Lucas. Seconded.

Moved in amendment to change the figures "\$4.50" to "\$7.40"

Amendment carried.

Resolution as amended carried.

**26. Re Public Service Vehicle Certificates.**

"Be it resolved, we oppose in its entirety, the policy of the Provincial Government in selling Public Service Vehicle Certificates to the Canadian Pacific Express Co. and the Canadian Pacific Transport Co. and of allowing the operating in this province of trucking lines purchased by the Canadian Pacific Transport Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, using their own or other Company's names as in the case of "Dench of Canada Ltd." We are convinced if this policy is permitted to continue it will lead to a complete monopoly by the Railway Companies in this country, of our entire transportation requirements. Therefore, we respectfully recommend you instruct your Highway Traffic Board to refuse to renew all Public Service Vehicle Certificates held by the Canadian Pacific Express Company, the Canadian Pacific Transport Company and Dench of Canada Ltd., which are participating in over-the-road haulage, as at April 1st, 1949."

Moved McMillan. Seconded.

Moved MacInn. That this matter be referred to the Board. Seconded. Carried.

**27. Production Tax.**

"Whereas, income tax is an intolerable nuisance to the average farmer as it requires a bookkeeping system far beyond his capacity, and

Whereas, income tax, in the case of agriculture, is expensive to collect and does not seem to be applied fairly,

Therefore be it resolved, that agriculture be exempted from income tax and in its place there be set up a production tax to be deducted at the time of sale with a provision that any farmer whose income is below exemption limits can get a refund of tax."

Moved Colvin. Seconded. Lost.

**28. Soldier Settlement Board.**

"Whereas, the cost of administering the affairs of the Soldier Settlement Board has been a drain on the Canadian taxpayer for thirty years,

Whereas, the scheme under which the veterans of World War I were settled on land has proved ruinous to many veterans;

Whereas, there are still some veterans who have nothing to will to their heirs but indebtedness to the S.S.B.,

Be it resolved, that we once again urge the Dominion Government to grant clear titles to those veterans remaining on land and to cancel all other debts owing the Government agency by these people, or their widows."

Moved Romelke. Seconded. Lucas. Carried.

## 29. Veterans Land Act.

"Whereas, the cost of administering the V.L.A. will cost us more than giving the veterans the land and money free of charge;

Therefore be it resolved, that the veterans be given full clearance on their indebtedness to the V.L.A. and those still applying in future be given the same privilege."

Moved McBride. Seconded. Lost.

## Compulsory Membership.

Moved Boutillier that this convention instruct its Board to initiate a form of compulsory membership similar to that put into effect by the National Farmers' Union of Great Britain.

This was ruled out of order by the chair as it was a contentious matter and it had been agreed not to bring up contentious matters at the afternoon session as so many delegates had had to leave the convention.

Moved Read, Westphal to uphold the ruling of the chair. Carried.

Moved Boutillier that the Board investigate the possibility of putting in compulsory membership. Seconded' Sutherland. Carried.

## Membership Drive.

"Whereas, the formation of the Farmers' Union of Alberta has raised interest in farm organization to new heights and thereby provided an opportune time to stage a membership drive;

Therefore be it resolved, that the Central Board do its utmost to organize a membership drive immediately and to co-ordinate the efforts of locals and district associations and further to use the radio as may be to the advantage of the drive."

Moved Pelletier. Seconded. Carried.

## 33. Black Market in New Cars and Trucks.

"Whereas, the handling of new automobiles and trucks has now become a racket, as shown by the fact that there are in many places more new cars and light trucks handled through used car lots than by legitimate dealers;

Therefore be it resolved, that in our opinion the time has come when the governmental body having jurisdiction over this traffic should take adequate steps to put a stop to the abuse and profiteering involved in the present traffic in new automobiles and trucks."

Moved Scharff. Seconded. Carried.

## Price of Eggs.

Moved McMillan, Pelletier that our Board make a very strong protest against the recent drop in the price of eggs. Carried.

## 30. Bounty on Coyotes.

"Whereas, the coyote population of our section of the province is the greatest in all time; and

Whereas, these animals are causing serious loss to producers of both sheep and poultry; and also are devastating the game birds in this section of the province;

Be it resolved, that the Half-Way Grove Local go on record as urging the Alberta Government to set aside at least a reasonable sum to pay bounties on these predatory animals."

Moved MacLeod, Wilson.

Moved in amendment, seconded Hawley—"of no less than \$10.00 on coyotes and \$50.00 on timber wolves the year round" after "to pay bounties"; and strike out the last four words. Carried.

Moved in amendment to add "And that we further undertake a publicity drive through the medium of the A.L.C. show." Seconded. Carried.

Resolution as amended carried.

## 31. Bill of Rights.

"Whereas, no citizen of this country can be said to be fully free until his freedom of speech and of assembly, of the press, of political belief and of religion; his rights in the courts and in his home have been protected and made forever secure by Act of Parliament;

Be it resolved, that we urge our Federal Government to prepare and enact a Canadian Citizens' Bill of Rights."

Moved Burbridge, seconded. Carried.

## 32. Hutterites.

"Whereas, the new law in Alberta allowing Hutterite colonies to settle every forty miles, and

Whereas, these people refuse to become Canadian citizens and refuse military service in time of war;

Therefore be it resolved, that they be compelled to take out citizenship papers and take the full responsibility of a Canadian citizen or be denied the right of further expansion."

Moved Burbridge, Sears. Carried.

## 34. Conscription.

"Whereas, there is still a serious shortage of food in the world, and

Whereas, Canadian farmers can perform no higher duty at this time than produce food-stuffs, and

Whereas, there is rumor of a proposed plan of conscription for Canadian youths;

Be it resolved, that we record our opposition to conscription at this time."

Moved and seconded.

Moved and seconded in amendment—"To refer this matter to the Board of Directors for consideration." Carried.

Moved and seconded "that the balance of resolutions be referred to the Board for action." Carried.

## Vote of Thanks to Press and Radio for Friendly and Accurate Reporting of this convention.

"Resolved, that the Farmers' Union of Alberta wishes to extend sincere thanks to the representatives of the press and radio covering this convention, for their friendly and accurate reporting of the matters dealt with by this convention." Agreed.

## Vote of Thanks to the Staffs.

"Resolved, that we, the former members of the U.F.A. and A.P.U., now the members of the Farmers' Union of Alberta, give a hearty vote of thanks and appreciation to the secretarial staffs of both our former organizations for the splendid work they have done and are doing in the performance of their many exacting tasks, without which the efficient convening of this convention would have been most difficult." Agreed.

## Vote of Thanks to Hotel Staff.

"Be it resolved, that we extend a vote of thanks to the staff of the Palliser Hotel for their courteous service and all others who have assisted in making this history-making convention a success." Agreed.

## Vote of Thanks to Committees and Chairmen.

"Be it resolved, that the committees of the Joint Convention, viz Order of Business, Resolutions, Entertain-

ment and Ushering, he extended a hearty vote of thanks for their services;

Further be it resolved, that a special vote of thanks be extended to the Contact Committees of U.F.A. and A.F.U. for their part in bringing about amalgamation, and to the chairmen of this convention." Agreed with hearty applause.

Mr. Stimpfle thanked delegates for their efforts in making this convention a success.

Mr. Young thanked the delegates on behalf of Mr. Wood and himself for their special vote of thanks and

expressed the wish that we will have a still larger convention next year and that all will work for the furtherance of this farm organization.

Motion to adjourn 4:46 p.m. moved by Macklin and seconded. Carried.

Convention concluded with the singing of "God Save the King".

Secretaries,

Miss E. Birch,  
E. J. Bontiller,  
Mrs. G. Wohl.



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